

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

Free instruction in drawing is compulsory in every town of more than 10,000 inhabitants in Massachusetts.

The last graduating class at Harvard College has 12 representatives in the Berlin and Heidelberg Universities.

About 1,400 young men from the United States are now pursuing their studies at the universities and colleges of Germany.

A bill withdrawing all aid from denominational schools and making education compulsory passed the Parliament of Queensland, Australia, recently.

A State Normal School was opened at Nashville, Tenn., on the 2d inst. It will receive \$6,000 per annum for the next two years from the Peabody Educational Fund. The entering class numbered 20.

To endow Mercer University, in Georgia, the Baptists of that State have adopted the plan of receiving dollar subscriptions to the fund, and they hope by this means to raise enough to place the institution on a stable financial footing.

The trustees of Colby University at Waterville, Me., have decided to raise \$8,000 to rebuild the gymnasium, recently burned, and to renovate the South College buildings. The Hon. Abner Colburn, Chairman of the Trustees, has given \$1,000 of the amount.

The State Normal School at Albany has graduated more than 2,000 students during the thirty years of its existence. It is proposed to hold a reunion of the graduates at Albany on the 20th inst., when addresses will be made and other appropriate exercises held.

The Iowa Agricultural College is in an excellent condition financially, the rentals from the college lands more than meeting the current expenses. A new laboratory building has been finished recently, without exhausting the sum appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.

It is proposed to hold the next term of the school of geology of Harvard College in a camp near the sea occupied during the past summer. Only 50 students will be received into the class. There is a probability that a subsidiary camp will be established somewhere in the mountains of North Carolina.

Education has made some progress in South Carolina. There are 110,416 children in actual attendance upon the free schools, almost one-half of the school population of the State. An effort will be made during the present session of the Legislature to extend the average period for keeping open the schools from four and a half months to six months in each year.

The opposition to the public school system in the late Constitutional Convention of Texas was not able to accomplish as much injury as was at one time feared. The provision made for the support of free schools includes one-fourth of the general revenue, the interest on the school fund, and the poll tax. These will yield an annual revenue of \$650,000. The State has 60,000,000 acres of school lands, which are to be sold for the benefit of the school fund, which will increase it, it is believed, to \$30,000,000.

There are at Wesleyan University 176 students, of whom 33 are seniors, 34 juniors, 40 sophomores, 62 freshmen, 4 residents, 26 graduate and 3 special. The faculty consists of 16 professors and teacher, the library contains 26,000 volumes, and the mineralogical department of the museum about 8,000 specimens. Wesleyan, as is well known, is trying the experiment of coeducation of the sexes. There are 8 young women pursuing their studies in the University, distributed among the four classes, and one resident graduate, from Vassar College.

Since the organization of the University of Georgia there has not been a year in which some member of the Waddell family has not been connected officially with the institution. The Rev. Moses Waddell was elected President of the University in 1819, and held the office for 10 years. His son, Mr. James Waddell, was Professor of Ancient Languages for 20 years, and a son of the latter, and a grandson of President Waddell, Prof. Wm. Henry Waddell, is the present incumbent of the chair of the Latin language in the University.

The University of Wisconsin is beginning to rank among the best educational institutions in the West. It has a college of arts and a college of letters. Under the former are included the departments of general science, agriculture, civil engineering, mining and metallurgy, mechanical engineering, and military science. In the college of letters are included the departments of ancient classics and modern classics. There is also a department of law and a just graduate course.

According to the 21st annual report of the Board of Education of Chicago, there were 49,221 pupils enrolled in the public schools of that city during the past year. The numbers numbered 700, and the school buildings 52-6 new ones having been erected during the year. The cost for textbooks is over \$7,000 per annum, which sum the Board hope to reduce by requiring publishers to furnish school books at wholesale prices.

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